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Subject: Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) SB 7015 Bill

Dear Judiciary Committee,

Here we are again having a hearing on Physician Assisted Suicide SB 7015. Last year, to my understanding, there was a hearing in this subject that did not make it out of committee. I hope that the same will happen this year.

As I have been saying for the past 40 years or so, every nation that accepted contraception eventually legalized abortion. The next step and possibly the final step in a CULTURE OF DEATH society is assisted suicide.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church that was printed in English in 1995 in paragraph 2370 states that contraception is intrinsically evil. It goes against Natural Law.

I would like to quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church Article Five, THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT, Part II titled Respect for the Dignity of Persons, Respect for the souls of others: scandal, Paragraphs 2284 thru 2286.

"2284 - Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into grave offense.

2285 - Scandal takes on a particular gravity by reason of the authority of those who cause it or the weakness of those who are scandalized. It prompted our Lord to utter this curse: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." Scandal is grave when given by those who by nature or office are obliged to teach and educate others. Jesus reproaches the scribes and Pharisees on this account: he likens them to wolves in sheep's clothing.

2286 - Scandal can be provoked by laws or institutions, by fashion or opinion .

Therefore, they are guilty of scandal who establish laws or social structures leading to the decline of morals and the corruption of religious practice, or to "social conditions that, intentionally or not, make Christian conduct and obedience to the Commandments difficult and practically impossible." This is also true of business leaders who make rules encouraging fraud, teachers who provoke their children to anger,or manipulators of public opinion who turn it away from moral values."

The next logical and probably final step toward this Culture of Death is assisted suicide where, to my understanding, the person committing the act has to take a number of pills to kill himself or herself. What a way to die!!!

The reason I bring this up again is that contraception was the first step down the "slippery slope". In 1930 it was the Anglican church and in 1931 the American Federation of Churches. In the mid sixties the big push on the Catholic Church was led by the New York Times and dissident Catholic clergy.

I ask that you do everything that you can to defeat this EVIL bill.

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